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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS**



St. Stephen's  
Tala



Ayia Kyriaki  
Kato Paphos



St. Luke's  
Prodromi

# WEEKLY NEWS

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**(Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

## WELCOME

Welcome to this week's edition of your Weekly News. We need a big push on getting people to buy tickets for the Variety Show on 27<sup>th</sup> May. This is going to be an excellent evening and well worth the effort to attend. Even I'm staying up past my bedtime to be there. Encourage your friends and neighbours to come along. Have a good week.

## PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

### Collect:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### A Prayer for the week ahead for our Parish and Ourselves.

Loving Lord, we pray for your body on earth in the week ahead of us, we pray for all who believe in Jesus. We pray for the Church in our own Parish and around the world. We ask you to fill us with your love: love in our thinking, love in our speaking and love in our doing. Love for those we find difficult to get on with; love for those who find us difficult. Love of those with whom we work and love of those with whom we relax. Love of those whom others might consider are unlovely or unlovable. So, may we find ourselves giving of ourselves in love as you give yourself to us. And, Lord, we thank you once again for loving us to death and beyond.  
Lord of love **Hear our prayer.**

### A Prayer for a new Incumbent.

Please pray for someone to see the advert in the Church Times for a new Priest for our Parish and feel called to come and serve you lovely people.

### Encouraging Words:

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8: 28)*

### Our Diocese:

See the downloadable Prayer Calendar here:

<https://www.cypgulf.org/prayer-diary/>

### Daily Readings:

For readings and the daily service of morning prayer, evening prayer and compline, please download

"What if it hurts?" I say.

"I know it will hurt," He says.

"What if I fall?" I say louder.

"I know you will fall," He says.

"But what if I can't get up?

What if I can't go on?

What if my heart breaks into a thousand pieces?"

"It's all right; just let go."

"No. I can't. I want to, but I can't."

"Let go."

"How? My heart will break. It is breaking already."

"So it will break. Let go."

"I can't. It hurts."

"Don't you know, my child?

If you fall, I will pick you up.

If you can't go on, I will carry you.

Don't you know, my child? Don't you know?

It is when it breaks that I can make you whole again.

It is when it breaks that I can pick out these broken pieces that are hurting you.

It is when it breaks that you can truly learn to love.

You can rise again.

You will rise again.

Let go."

(Forcedow)

## SERVICES

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki      Revd Ken  
11.00am Holy Communion St Luke's      Revd Jill Wheatly  
11.00am Morning Worship St Stephen's      Ann

#### Readings:

Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 7-18; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day

- 11.00am Holy Communion Peyia Forest  
(Picnic Area)      Revd Ken

#### Readings:

Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Luke 24: 44-53

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 8.15am Sung Eucharist Ayia Kyriaki      Revd William  
11.00am Morning Worship St Luke's      Jayne  
11.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's      Revd Ken

#### Readings:

Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68: 1-10; 1 Peter 4: 12-14 – 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

Mid-week Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at 9.00am at Ayia Kyriaki

#### Let Go

"Let go," He says. "Let go."

But my heart is stubborn, so I do not let go.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast>

## GOD SLOT

'In a little while you will no longer see me' Jesus told his disciples. This was before his death and subsequent resurrection. He was trying to prepare them for what was to come. In essence he was telling them that he was going to die and would be leaving them. They were going to feel dreadful but, he promised, there would be hope for the future. We recall that it was for just two days after his crucifixion that they did not see him. But, as he was dead and sealed in a tomb, they never expected to see him again. And they had been devastated - bereft, desolate, being orphaned would have been an apt description. But then they had seen him, unbelievably, alive; but they had come to believe. Jesus had overcome suffering and death with new life and from time to time from then on was physically present with them. Yes, his was a different sort of physicality. His body could get through closed doors and yet could still speak and eat and bear the scars of suffering. But that physical presence of the resurrected Jesus would come to an end. He tried to prepare them for the fact that he would leave this earth. We remember his return to heaven next Thursday when we celebrate Ascension Day, just 40 days after Easter Day. After Jesus' resurrection, those disciples must have spent many hours recalling what he had said to them, especially those words spoken just before his death. How were they to cope when he left them? What were they to do? He promised that the Holy Spirit would be with them. Those disciples would need all the help, strength and advice that the Holy Spirit could give them in order to be the physical body of Jesus when he left this earth. And you know what folks? We are Jesus' disciples today – Jesus' body on earth. And that same Holy Spirit is at work in us; to fill us more and more with the life and love of Jesus as we let him help us, to give us strength, to advise us and to draw us into even deeper relationship with God in prayer. As Teresa of Avila wrote in the 1500s, Christ has no body on earth now but ours! That's YOU and me.

God Bless,

Revd Ken

## JOKE SPOT

*Little Johnny went into a coffee shop and sat down next to a table with three old ladies, sitting and bragging about their sons. "My Freddie," said one, "Everyone should be so lucky to have a son like my Freddie. Once a week he brings me a huge bouquet of flowers, he's constantly bringing me out to restaurants to eat, if I so much as hint that I want something the next morning it's on my doorstep." "That's very nice about your Freddie", says the second old lady. "But with all due respect, when I think about the way my Sammy takes care of me, it just can't compare. Every morning as soon as I wake up he greets me with bacon and freshly brewed coffee. Every lunch he comes over and cooks me a gourmet lunch, and every supper he brings me to his house for supper, he truly treats me like a queen." "WELL!" Says the third, "I don't want to make any of you feel bad or anything, but wait until you hear about my Harry; twice a week he pays someone €200 an hour just so he can lie on their couch and talk to them, and who do you think he speaks about at those prices? Asks the third lady with a big excited double chin smile, "I'll tell you who he speaks about! ALL HE SPEAKS ABOUT IS ME!"*

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"Happiness is an inside job. Don't assign anyone else that much power over your life." (Mandy Hale)*

## BIG THANK YOU

What an excellent Coronation Afternoon Tea we had on Monday (8<sup>th</sup>). Good company, good food and good fun. About 60 people attended and we raised €600. Well done to the Fundraising Team for all their hard work in the organising and thank you to Ian and Caroline for opening their house to us all.

## NOTICES

### SERVICE 14<sup>th</sup> MAY AT ST LAZARUS, PISSOURI

You may note that on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May I'm taking the 6.00pm service at St Lazarus' in Pissouri. Their usual priest (Fr Ian) is on holiday. If anyone would like to come along and visit a different church you'd be more than welcome. I will have two spare seats in the car if you'd like a lift. The

church is located underneath the Amphitheatre and is quite unique. Here is a link to their website: <https://stlazaruspissouri.org>

## BIBLE STUDY

A new Bible Study will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am at St Stephen's, if you are interested in joining this lively group then please contact me. The study is aimed at people who are new to the faith and those of us a bit long in the tooth in our journey. We meet in a safe place where no topics are off the table and questions are encouraged. Why not come along and give it a try.

## THINGS ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

On **Saturday 3 June at 4 pm** there will be an Island-wide service at St Paul's Cathedral in thanksgiving for the many years of service Archbishop Michael and Julia have given to this Diocese. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall and garden. All are warmly invited.

## VARIETY SHOW

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** at Stage One Theatre, Emba. Tickets are available price €15 each from your usual sellers at church. **Please** support this event, which is raising funds for the church and three local charities. Don't leave it any longer, go out and get your tickets now! Drag your friends and neighbours along too.

## ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

The annual Holy Communion service followed by a 'bring your own' lunch will be held in Pikni Forest, Peyia starting at **11am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

## SAVE THE DATES

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Service in Peyia Forest
27 <sup>th</sup> May neighbours	Variety Show - Don't forget to invite your friends and
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Golf
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Annual BBQ